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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Creation of a Low Power Radio Service;  
MM Docket No. 99-25; RM-9208; RM-9242

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of United States Member of Congress Marge Roukema, are five copies of her letter submitted in response to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in the above-referenced proceeding. The original letter has been delivered to the Commission's Chairman concurrently.

In the event that there are questions concerning this matter, please communicate with this office.

Very truly yours,



Charles R. Naftalin

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Hon. William Kennard  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M. St. N.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing to comment on the proposed new Low Power FM Radio service.

I believe existing FM translators licensed in counties where there is no licensed or allocated commercial FM station should be given the opportunity to immediately begin broadcasting with local origination. Such programming should be permitted to be commercial in nature. These existing translators should be allowed to increase power to LPFM100 or LPFM1000 status, using a directional antenna if necessary to maximize coverage into the unserved county. All licensed translators should receive "grandfather status" and should receive interference protection from any new LPFM stations.

While residents of my district in northern New Jersey can choose from dozens of New York City FM stations, those stations ignore our need for local news and information. Bergen County has no FM station of its own. By contrast, FM translators W276AQ and W232AL — in conjunction with WJUX-FM — bring valuable local news, traffic, weather, public service announcements, school closings and other important information unavailable from any other source on the FM broadcast band. This programming is an essential service for approximately 1 million residents of Bergen County, New Jersey, and Sullivan County, New York.

Allowing these two translators to become part of the new LPFM service would greatly benefit listeners in this area. It is important that this broadcast service, which is extremely valuable to our community, be allowed to continue.

Sincerely,

Marge Roukema  
Member of Congress